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Economic Requirements for OCI Periodic Requirements List, 1 May -
31 July 1956.

USSR - Internal

Retain Items 1-12.

Add Item 13: Information on changes in personnel and structure of the top levels of the Council of Ministers, e.g., the first deputy chairmen and deputy chairmen and their presumed primary assignments and specialties. (U)

USSR - Internal - Economic

Retain Item 1 (a) - (d)

Retain Item 2 (a)

Retain Item 3 (a) - (o)

Add Item 3 (p): Several recent organizational steps have been taken to implement the drive for automation and other technological improvement in industry. These include the creation of a new Ministry of Instruments and Means of Automation and a State Committee for New Techniques (Gostekhnika). Information on further developments along this line is desired. (U)

Revise Item 4 as follows:

a. The civil defense program of the Soviet Bloc is believed to have made progress during the period 1950-1956. This includes general training in air defense and medical measures plus construction of plant and apartment house shelters. The recently concluded Party Congress placed unusual stress on civil defense. Other sources mention reorganization and retraining for atomic defense. The following are aimed at developments felt to be logical at this time. (C)

b. Requirements:

(1) What evidence is there of construction of headquarters type shelter or heavy mass shelters in or near major cities? (U)

(2) Any information on civil atomic defense training or published material? (U)

(3) What information is there on civilian air raid drills? (U)

(4) Information on fire fighting practice or equipment which would suggest consideration of massive attack. This would include excess equipment (particular short, high-bodied fire vehicles and trailer-mounted fire engines), and use of auxiliaries (volunteers, military, or civilian units from neighboring communities). (U)

(5) (Retain item lb (5) p. 18). (U)

(6) (Retain item lb (6) p. 18). (U)

(7) (Retain item lb (7) p. 18). (U)

(8) (Retain item lb (8) p. 18). (U)

(9) Evidence of concentrated effort to improve suburban road nets of major cities to a radius of 30 miles, which might be used as access roads. (U)

Retain Item 7 (a)

Revise Item 7 (b) as follows:

Information is desired on increases or decreases in 1956 of the take home pay of individual workers, supervisors, plant managers, etc. Also information on any measures to implement the announced objective of revising the over-all wage structure and the system of managerial profits. Any indication of the effect of such measures on incentive. If any individual's income has increased recently, what kinds of goods is he buying more of than formerly: food, clothing, or durable consumer goods like radios and washing machines. (U)

Retain Item 7 (C)

Retain Item 8 (A) - (B)

Add Item 8 (C) as follows:

Any information on organizational and other measures designed to allocate and direct labor to special industrial and agricultural programs. Any indications of their effectiveness. (U)

Eastern Europe - General Economic

Retain Item 1 (A) - (F)

Revise Item 2 as follows:

The strengthening of the Orbit's economic readiness to support war would probably include the establishment or strengthening of Satellite organizations for military production. Information is needed on the agencies set up for this purpose or the delegation of these functions to existing bodies. Specific information is desired on the organization of logistical or rear services for the ground or air forces, the methods of operation of such agency, the type of activity planned, the degree of control exercised by the Soviet Union, and the coordination between the production ministries and the requirements of the military forces. (C)

Retain Items 3 - 10.

Eastern Europe - General Political

Retain Items 1 - 8.

Revise Item 9 as follows:

Civil defense programs are underway in all Satellites. Note any shift on emphasis at this time which may include a substantial construction program and training for atomic defense. (C)

(a) Shelter building of any type, especially large-scale shelters in suburban areas. (U)

(b) Air defense instruction, particularly regarding nuclear weapons, and drills. (U)

(c) Evidence of fire-fighting equipment or practice which would suggest consideration of mass attacks (excess equipment, mutual support operations small maneuverable pumps, etc.) (U)

(d) Storage of any material useful for civil defense, in dwellings, factories, depots or other public buildings. (U)

(e) Improvement of suburban road nets (to 30 mile radius) which may facilitate evacuation. (U)

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Economic Requirements for OCI Periodic Requirements List for the Months, 1 May - 31 July 1956 as cited in St/I Office Notice 33, dated 9 March 1956.

Please add or retain the following items:

Additions:

1. Eastern Europe-General Economic, p. 25, item 8: Information on the number of technicians involved is also needed. Are they all professionally qualified or are some interlopers sent along to penetrate the governments of the recipient countries? Are the technicians of first, second or third string caliber? How much time are they to spend in specific countries? Is there any indication of the formation of teams of Soviet and Satellite technicians to be rotated from one external project to another? (S)

2. Eastern Europe-General Political, pp. 29-33, Albania p. 37, item 8a; Bulgaria, p. 40, item 1c; Hungary, p. 57, item 1; and for the other individual Satellites where appropriate. Indicate the numbers of re-defectors involved and their last place of residence. (S)

3. Eastern Europe-General Economic; Bulgaria, p. 43, item 5c; Czechoslovakia, p. 47, item 5f; and for the other individual Satellites where appropriate. In connection with the publicized reduction in military forces, to what sectors of the economy are the discharges being allocated? Are they being trained for newer, more skilled positions? How successful are these efforts? (S)

4. Albania, p. 37, item 6. Information on the labor force and its composition is needed as nothing was included on this topic in 1955 plan fulfillment data. (S)

5. East Germany, p. 52, item 6b. Evidences of shortages of professional, technical, and skilled manpower are of particular interest in view of (a) defections to West Germany and (b) East Germany's participation in the Soviet and Satellite economic penetration of the Middle East. (S)

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6. Eastern Europe, particularly Poland. Toward the end of 1955 the USSR once again legalised abortion. Since then the issue has been considered in the Polish press. What are the economic factors involved? How strong is the opposition? Is there any evidence of other European Satellites falling into line? (S)

7. Rumania, p. 67, item 1d. How many political prisoners have been released or are likely to be released--in the tens or hundreds? Are they being released because their skills are needed in the industrialization of the country? (S)

8. Rumania, p. 68, 2a. (add) There is more interest in wages by broad wage categories than by individual wages. (S)

Retentions:

1. Eastern Europe, p. 25, item 9.
2. Eastern Europe, p. 32, item 8 a,b,c.
3. Czechoslovakia, p. 46, item 4 a and b.
4. Hungary, p. 58, item 2j.
5. Rumania, p. 67, item 1g.

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